# **Application Completion Instructions**

#### **Purpose**

This chapter explains in detail how to complete the joint Healthy Families and Medi-Cal for Families mail-in application.

#### **Mail-In Application Booklet and Handbook**

The joint Healthy Families and Medi-Cal for Families mail-in application booklet includes the four-page application, basic instructions for completion and an addressed postage paid envelope. The application and the Healthy Families Handbook are available in the following ten languages:

- English
- Spanish
- Vietnamese
- Khmer (Cambodian)
- Hmong

- Armenian
- Chinese
- Korean
- Russian
- Farsi

The application is divided into individual sections with numbered questions. It is important that the application be completely and legibly filled out when submitted. Missing or illegible information can delay processing of the application.

# **Review of Applications**

All mailed applications are screened by Single Point of Entry (SPE) for no-cost Medi-Cal. Federal regulations require that a different set of rules, Financial Responsibility (FR), be used when determining the income of families with members in the following situations:



- Children can have separate incomes that are counted, i.e., child support or Social Security.
- Children under 18 have their own children and live with their own parents.
- Stepparents or unmarried parents are part of the family size.

In these situations, the children's natural or legal adoptive parents and the children's own incomes are used to determine the families' incomes. Stepparents, caretaker relatives and siblings' incomes are not used. In these cases, the county Department of Social Services may determine that the children are eligible for no-cost Medi-Cal even though they appeared to be eligible for the Healthy Families Program. It is important that CAAs explain this to families. See Chapter: 4 *Family Size and Income Determinations* for more information.

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If it appears you qualify for Healthy Families and want to choose your health, dental and vision plan now, fill out this page. Otherwise, we will contact you later for this information. See your Healthy Families Handbook for more information, or visit our web site at www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov.

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#### **SECTION C: Healthy Families Declarations**

#### I declare that each person I am applying for:

- is a resident of California.
- · is not in jail or in a mental hospital.
- is not eligible for Medicare Part A and Part B.
- is not a member of a family that is eligible for health benefits from the California Public Employees Retirement System Health Benefits Program(s).

#### I further declare that:

- all individuals listed on this application will abide by the rules of participation, the utilization review process and the dispute resolution process of the participation plans in reliabilities included is encolled.
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- · Lagree to pay 6 monthly premiums. If I do not pay the premiums, I will be taken off the program and cannot participate again for 6 months. I will have to pay for any Healthy Families services I use in the last month after coverage ended.
- I give permission to **Healthy Families** to check my family income, health coverage, immigration status of the people I am applying for, archal, other facts on the application.
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Page A1 of the application requests information about the applicant who is applying for Medi-Cal or Healthy Families.

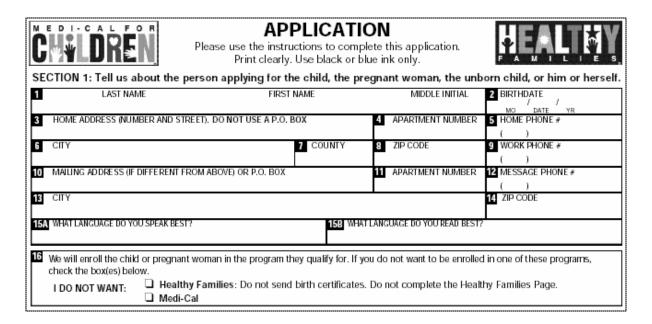
#### **SECTION 1: Applicant's Information**

The applicant is the person who is completing the application for himself or herself, a child, pregnant woman or unborn child. The children must live with the applicant unless he/she is the natural or legal adoptive parent and wishes to apply only for Healthy Families for the children. See Chapter 7: *Healthy Families* for more information.

Applicants include the following people:

- Natural or legal adoptive parents (whether they live with the child or not)
- Caretaker relatives, such as grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, siblings or
  other family members with whom the child lives and who exercise the primary
  care and control of the child
- Legal Guardians- Have a court order or other legal status that gives authority for health care and other decisions. A copy of a court order does NOT need to be submitted with the application.
- Foster parents
- Stepparents
- A person applying for coverage on his or her own behalf (including a pregnant woman)
- Children under age 18 may apply for coverage on their own if they are over age 14 and are not living with a parent or caretaker relative, legal guardian, foster parent or stepparent

**NOTE:** Minor parents (age 18 or younger) who have their own children may complete an application for their children. However, if minor parent(s) live with their own parents and want coverage for themselves, their parents must apply for them.



#### **Section 1 QUESTIONS**

- 1 Applicant Name
  - List the last name, first name, middle initial of the applicant.
- 2 Applicant's Birthdate
  - Enter the birthdate of the applicant as shown: Month/Day/Year.
- 3 Home Address
  - Enter the street address, road, rural route or other physical description where the applicant lives. DO NOT ENTER A P.O. BOX ADDRESS.
- 4 Apartment Number
  - Enter the apartment or unit number or letter if the applicant lives in an apartment.
  - Leave blank if the applicant does not live in an apartment.
- **5** Home Phone Number
  - Enter the applicant's home phone number including the area code.
  - Leave blank if the applicant does not have a home phone.

**NOTE:** Applicants should provide at least one phone number on the application so they can be contacted for clarification or when additional information is required. This could also be a work phone or message phone number, (Questions 9 and 12).

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#### **Section 1 QUESTIONS**

- 6 City
  - Enter the city in which the applicant lives.
- 7 County
  - Enter the county in which the applicant lives.
- 8 Zip Code
  - Enter the zip code in which the applicant lives.
- 9 Work Phone Number
  - Enter the applicant's work phone number.
  - Leave blank if the applicant does not have a work phone.

#### 10 Mailing Address

- Enter the applicant's mailing address if it is different from the home address provided in Question 3.
- If the applicant has a P.O. Box, list it here.
- Leave blank if the mailing address is the same as the home address.

# 11 Apartment Number

- Enter the apartment or unit number (or letter) if the applicant lives in an apartment.
- Leave blank if the applicant does not live in an apartment.

# 12 Message Phone Number

- Enter the message phone number.
- Leave blank if the applicant does not have a message phone number.

**NOTE:** Applicants should provide at least one phone number on the application so they can be contacted for clarification or when additional information is required. This could also be a work phone or message phone number, (Questions 9 and 12).

# 13 City

- Enter the city of the applicant's mailing address.
- Leave blank if the mailing address is the same as the home address.

# 14 Zip Code

- Enter the zip code of the mailing address.
- Leave blank if the mailing address is the same as the home address.

#### 15A Language Spoken Best

- Enter the language which the applicant speaks best.
- This information is used when the applicant needs to be contacted by telephone. Representatives are available to assist in the following languages:

English Armenian Ukranian Spanish Punii / Hindi Cantonese Vietnamese Korean Tagalog Khmer (Cambodian) Russian Mandarin

Farsi Hmong

#### **Language Read Best**

- Enter the language the applicant reads best.
- This information is used when any written correspondence needs to be sent to the applicant.

# 16 Programs the Applicant Does Not Wish to Apply For

- Applicants can indicate the programs for which they DO NOT want to be considered. If applicants check a box, the children will NOT be screened for that program even if they qualify. For this reason applicants are strongly encouraged to leave all boxes unchecked so the children will be evaluated for whichever program they may be eligible.

For Example: If an applicant checks the "I **DO NOT** want Medi-Cal" box and the children are screened eligible for no-cost Medi-Cal by Single Point of Entry (SPE), the application will not be forwarded to the county Department of Social Services.



In this example the family would receive a "Reconsider Medi-Cal" letter from the Single Point of Entry stating that the children appear to be eligible for Medi-Cal. This notice also gives applicants the opportunity to consent for the SPE to forward their application to the county Department of Social Services.

#### **SECTION 2: Information about Children and a Pregnant Woman**

This section asks for information about children under age 19, an unborn child, and/or a pregnant woman who want health coverage.

The application has columns for four children plus a column for a pregnant woman. If the "Pregnant Woman' column is not needed, it can be used for a fifth child. Cross out the column heading and write above it "Child 5."

Applicants can also apply for Healthy Families for an unborn child up to 3 months before the child's expected due date. If the family income is too high for the pregnant woman to receive no-cost Medi-Cal but the family income is within the eligibility level for "Child Birth Up to Age 1" for Healthy Families (between 200% and 250% of the Federal Income Guidelines), the unborn child may be eligible for Healthy Families. In this case, use the "Child 1 or Unborn" column, checking the box to indicate this is an unborn child. Complete as much information as possible in this column (including Questions 22, 27, and 28).

#### **Section 2 QUESTIONS**

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-	Place of Birth: or State or Co if outside the	untry.					
	Ethnic Code: See #24 Instruct	tions)					
- 1	U.S. Citizen or if "no", please of entry into U	write date	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No

#### **Section 2 QUESTIONS**

# 17 Name

- List the name (last, first, middle) of each child and/or pregnant woman who wants health coverage.
- Leave blank for an unborn child (column 1).

# 18 Name on Birth Certificate

- List the name exactly as it appears on the child or pregnant woman's birth certificate.
- Leave blank for an unborn child or if the name on the birth certificate is the same as in Ouestion 17: Name.

# 19 Child's Address

- Enter the child's address if the child does not live with the applicant.
- The children and/or pregnant woman must live in California to be eligible for either Medi-Cal or Healthy Families.
- Leave blank for an unborn child (column 1).

# **20** Relationship to Person in Section 1

- List the relationship of the children or pregnant woman to the applicant who is listed in Section 1. This would include son, granddaughter, stepdaughter, nephew, etc. It is important to accurately identify the relationship because this information is used by the Single Point of Entry (and Medi-Cal and the Healthy Families Programs) to determine family size and financial responsibility.
- Leave blank for an unborn child (column 1).

# 21 Sex

- Indicate the sex of the child.
- Leave blank for an unborn child (column 1).

# 22 Date of Birth

- Enter the birthdate of the children or pregnant woman as shown: Month/Day/Year.
- If applying for an unborn child (column 1), enter the expected due date.

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#### Place of Birth

- Enter the county if the child or pregnant woman was born in California.
- Enter the state if the child or pregnant woman was born in the U.S. but outside California.
- Enter the country if the child or pregnant woman was born outside the U.S.
- Leave blank for an unborn child (column 1).

#### 24 Ethnic Code

- Indicate the ethnic code of the children or pregnant women. Providing an ethnic code is optional unless the children are American Indians or Alaskan Natives. The codes are listed on page 3 of the application instructions.

**NOTE:** American Indians and Alaskan Natives <u>must</u> indicate their ethnic codes. A cost sharing waiver for premium payments and co-payments is available for Healthy Families to American Indians and Alaskan Natives.

#### **U.S. Citizen or National**

- Indicate if the child or pregnant woman is a U.S. Citizen or National. U.S. Citizens and Nationals include those individuals who were:
  - Born in the U.S.
  - Native Americans born in Canada
  - Born in Puerto Rico
  - Born in the Northern Mariana Islands
  - Born in Guam
  - Born in the Virgin Islands of the U.S. (St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix)
  - Born in Swain's Island
  - Naturalized Citizens
  - Acquired Citizenship or Derived Citizenship
  - Born in American Samoa
- If the "no" box is checked, enter the date of entry into the U.S. See Chapter 6: *Medi- Cal* and Chapter 7: *Healthy Families* for more information about the different types of immigration statuses and confidentiality.
- Leave blank if for an unborn child (column 1).

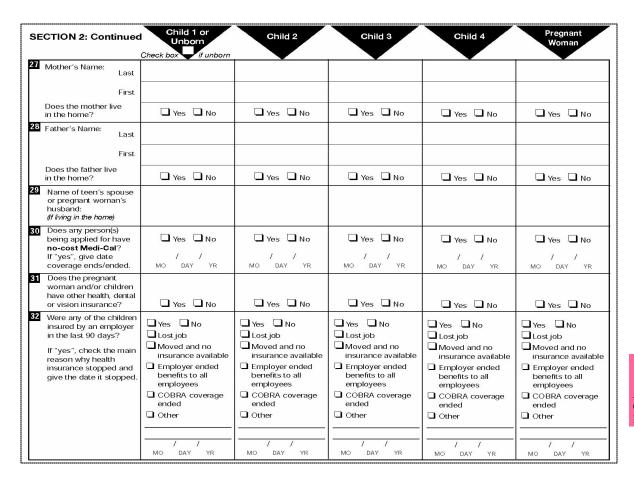
# **26** Social Security Number

- Enter the Social Security number of the children or pregnant women when applying for Medi-Cal. If applicants do not provide Social Security numbers when they complete the applications, the applications will still be forwarded to the county Department of Social Services. The county Department of Social Services will contact the applicants for the children or pregnant woman's Social Security number.

**NOTE:** Social Security numbers are not required by the Healthy Families Program.

Page A2 of the application obtains information about the children or pregnant woman who wants to be enrolled in Medi-Cal or Healthy Families as well as other family members living in the home.

#### **SECTION 2: Information about Children and Pregnant Woman (Continued)**



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#### **Section 2 QUESTIONS**

# 27 Mother's Name

- List the natural or legal adoptive mother for each child.
- DO NOT list the children's stepmother.
- Leave blank for a pregnant woman who is over 19 years old.
- Indicate if the mother lives in the home.

#### **Section 2 QUESTIONS**

#### 28 Father's Name

- List the natural or legal adoptive father for each child.
- DO NOT list the children's stepfather.
- Leave blank for a pregnant woman who is over 19 years old.
- Indicate if the father lives in the home.

#### 29 Teen's Spouse/Pregnant Woman's Husband

- List the name for the teen's spouse if he/she lives in the home.
- List the name of the pregnant woman's husband if he lives in the home.
- Leave blank if the teen/pregnant woman is not married to her partner.
- Leave blank for an unborn child (column 1).

#### 30 No-Cost Medi-Cal

- Indicate if the children or pregnant woman is currently receiving no-cost Medi-Cal.
- If yes, enter the date the no-cost Medi-Cal will end.
- Leave blank for an unborn child (column 1).

**NOTE:** Applicants can apply up to three months before a child's no-cost Medi-Cal coverage will end.

**REMINDER:** Children who receive no-cost Medi-Cal, including Accelerated Enrolment, are not eligible for Healthy Families. Children who receive Share-of-Cost Medi-Cal may be eligible for Healthy Families.

#### 31 Other Health, Dental, or Vision Insurance

- Indicate if the children or pregnant woman has other health, dental or vision insurance.
- *Example:* If the parents have employer-sponsored coverage and the children are uninsured, the answer would be "no."
- Leave blank for an unborn child (column 1).

**NOTE:** Children and pregnant woman can have other health insurance and still be eligible for Medi-Cal.

**REMINDER:** Children covered by employer-sponsored health coverage are not eligible for Healthy Families coverage.

# 32 Employer-Sponsored Insurance

- Indicate if the child was insured by employer-sponsored health coverage in the last 3 months.
- If "yes," check the box next to the reason coverage ended and write the date the insurance ended.
- See Chapter 7: *Healthy Families* for more information.
- Leave blank for an unborn child (column 1).

**REMINDER:** Children who were insured through employer-sponsored health coverage in the last 3 months are not eligible for Healthy Families. The waiting period will be waived if any one of the following occurs to the person through whom the employer sponsored insurance for the children had been available:



- Loses his or her job
- Moves to a zip code area or region that is not covered by the employersponsored coverage
- Loses health benefits because his or her employer stopped health benefits for all employees
- Dies
- Divorces or is legally separated from the parent with whom the children live (or is applying for the children)

#### **SECTION 3: Other Family Members in the Home**

This section asks for information about other family members who are not already listed in Sections 1 or 2. This information is needed to accurately determine the family size and program eligibility.

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If yes, who	X		Date Due:		
List any st	epparent living in the home	not already listed:	LAST NAME, FIRST NA	ME	
6 Do any of	the people listed in this Sec	tion, or any of the parents liste	d in Section 2, want Medi-Cal?	☐ Yes	☐ No

#### **Section 3 QUESTIONS**

# 33 Other Children Living in the Home Under Age 21

- List any children under age 21 living in the home NOT listed in Section 2: Children under 19 and/or Pregnant Woman Who Want Health Coverage. These children typically include:
  - Children who already have health coverage
  - Children age 19 to 21
  - Children who meet BOTH of the following requirements:
    - ♦ Away at school
    - ♦ Claimed as tax dependents by their parents
- DO NOT list children who receive SSI/SSP or public assistance. They are not counted in the family size. See Chapter 4: *Family Size and Income Determination* for more information.

#### **Section 3 QUESTIONS**

# **34** Pregnant Family Members

- List any family members who are pregnant. This could be a pregnant teen, parent or stepparent living in the home. This information is required because the unborn child is counted in the family size.

If pregnant women or teens wish to apply for Medi-Cal, they may complete a separate application or apply directly at their local county Department of Social Services. Women who are late-term or have a high-risk pregnancy should apply directly at their local county Department of Social Services for a faster eligibility determination.

# 35 Stepparent in the Home

- List any stepparents living in the home who are not already listed on the application. This would include the children's parents (Questions #27 and #28) if they have natural or legal adopted children of their own or if they are the applicant (Question #1).
- List only the stepparents. DO NOT list any live-in partners.

# **36 Other Family Members Who Want Medi-Cal**

- Indicate if any of the family members in this section want Medi-Cal.
- Families will be contacted by their local county Department of Social Services to obtain the additional information required to determine if these family members qualify for Medi-Cal.

NOTE: If the applicants have indicated that they do not want Medi-Cal (Question 16), the applications WILL NOT be forwarded to the county Department of Social Services for a Medi-Cal eligibility determination.

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Page A3 of the application obtains information about family members' different sources of income as well as the deductions for which they may be eligible. It also asks if families want to apply for retroactive Medi-Cal and a certification that the information provided is true and correct.

#### **SECTION 4: Income Information**

The information in this section is used to determine the gross income, source of income and how often the income is received for each family member.

SECTION 4: List the gross income (before taxes) of all persons listed in Section 2, Questions 17, 27, 28, 29 and Section 3 who live in the home. If self-employed or using federal income tax return to prove income, only complete Questions 37, 38 and 40 in this section.

37	NAME OF PERSON WITH INCOME	38 SOURCE OF INCOME?	39 HOW OFTEN RECEIVED?	40 HOW MUCH GROSS INCOME?	41 SOCIAL SECURITY # (Optional)
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#### **Section 4 QUESTIONS**

#### 37 Name of Person With Income

- List the name of each family member with income.
- Use a separate line for each source of income.

**REMINDER:** Child support received is the CHILD'S income and must be listed with the CHILD'S NAME and NOT the parent's name. DO NOT list the income of any people in the home who are not counted in the family size.

#### **38** Source of Income

- List the source of the income, such as the name of the employer, self-employment, Social Security or child support. See Chapter 4: *Family Size and Income Determination* for more information.

**REMINDER:** Do not list income that is not counted. See Chapter 4: *Family Size and Income Determination* for more information.

**NOTE:** Public assistance, such as SSI/SSP, CalWORKS and General Relief, which results in the recipients NOT COUNTED in the family size must be listed as income and proof must be submitted. This income will not be counted but is needed by SPE to make sure these individuals are not counted in the family size. See Chapter 4: *Family Size and Income Determination* for more information.

#### 39 How Often Received

- List how often the income is received:
  - Weekly (paid once a week)
  - Every two weeks (paid every other week)
  - Twice a month (paid two times a month, e.g., the 15th and 30th)
  - Monthly (paid once per month)

# 40 Gross Income

- List the gross income amount listed on the paycheck stub or other proof of income (before taxes or other withholdings).
- List the gross amount on the pay stub. For example, if family members are paid weekly, list the amounts they are paid each week and NOT the calculated monthly incomes.

**NOTE:** If family members are self-employed or using a federal income tax return to prove their incomes, complete questions 37, 38 and 40. Leave question 39 blank. See Chapter 4: *Family Size and Income Determination* for more information.

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#### **Social Security Number**

- Enter the Social Security numbers of the family members with incomes.
- This information is OPTIONAL for both Medi-Cal and Healthy Families.

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# **SECTION 5: Income Deductions**

This section asks for information to determine the appropriate income deductions. Some deductions, such as the \$90 work expense deduction and the \$50 deduction for receiving child support or alimony, are not listed in this section. These deductions are given automatically based on the proof of income included with the application.

This section is divided into two parts:

- i. Child support and alimony paid
- ii. Child or dependent care expenses

If families do not make these payments, leave blank.

SECTION 5: Deductions from Family Income. The answers in this section will help determine what amounts will be deducted from your family's gross monthly income.

TYPE OF PAYMENT YOUR FAMILY MAKES	NAME OF PERSON WHO PAYS	44 MONTHLY AMOUNT PAID
Child Support		
Alimony		

45	CHILD CARE OR DEPENDENT CARE (List child's name)	46 AGE	MONTHLY AMOUNT PAID
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

#### **QUESTIONS 42-44 Child Support and Alimony payments**

- 42 Type of Payment Your Family Makes
  - Court-ordered child support or alimony paid.
- **Name of Person Who Pays** 
  - List the names of the family members who pay court-ordered child support and/or alimony.
- **44** Monthly Amount Paid
  - List the court-ordered amount paid per month. List the court-ordered amount or the actual amount paid per month, whichever is less.

**NOTE:** Only COURT-ORDERED payments can be deducted.

#### **QUESTIONS 45-47 Child and Dependent Care expenses**

- 45 Child Care or Dependent Care
  - List the names of the children or dependents that are in child or dependent care.
- 46 Age
  - List the ages of the children and dependents.
- 47 Monthly Amount Paid
  - List total amount PAID PER MONTH for child/dependent care, even if it is more than the maximum deductions allowed.
  - The maximum deduction depends on the age of each child:
    - Up to \$200 per child under 2 years of age
    - Up to \$175 per child age 2 and older
    - Up to \$175 per disabled dependent

#### **SECTION 6: Other Coverage**

SECTION 6: Other Coverage.		
Has anyone filed a lawsuit because of an accident or injury on behalf of the pregnant woman and/or child applying for benefits?		□No
Does the pregnant woman and/or child want to apply for <b>Medi-Cal</b> coverage for any medical expenses in the last 3 months?	☐ Yes	□No
If "yes", list month(s):		

#### **Section 6 QUESTIONS**

# 48 Lawsuit on Behalf of the Child or Pregnant Woman

- Indicate "yes" or "no" if a lawsuit has been filed because of an accident or injury caused by another person or while at work. Medi-Cal will cover the services needed because of the accident.
- If the person used Medi-Cal for treatment and then received an insurance or other type of settlement, he/she must repay the cost of the Medi-Cal services received for treatment because of the accident or injury. Only the costs of services for treatment related to the accident or injury must be repaid. If the settlement families receive is less than the cost of services Medi-Cal provided, families will have to repay only the amount of the settlement.

**NOTE:** Families do not pay Medi-Cal if the person does not receive a settlement.

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# **Medi-Cal Coverage for Previous Medical Expenses**

- Indicate "yes" or "no" if the children or pregnant woman wants to apply for Medi-Cal for past medical expenses.

Medi-Cal can pay for past medical bills if the applicants or children have medical expenses during the 3 months before the date of application (when the application is received at SPE). This is called retroactive Medi-Cal. See Chapter 6: Medi-Cal for more information.

When the county Department of Social Services receives the applications, it will contact the applicants to obtain the information needed for the month(s) coverage is requested.

**NOTE:** Children who are eligible for Healthy Families may be eligible for assistance from Medi-Cal with past medical expenses.

**REMINDER:** To receive this coverage, Question 16, "I do not want Medi-Cal" box must NOT be checked.

**NOTE:** If it is close to the end of the month and families are requesting retroactive Medi-Cal for the earliest month possible, it is best for the applicant to go the county Department of Social Services to complete the application for retroactive (past) medical expenses instead of using the mail-in application. See Chapter 6: Medi-Cal for more information and an example.

# **SECTION 7: Voluntary Information**

This information is VOLUNTARY and DOES NOT affect families' eligibility for Healthy Families, but Medi-Cal needs this information for Medi-Cal eligibility determination. Applicants only need to indicate "yes" or "no."

Answers to these two questions may help the State of California claim federal funds for its health care programs.

SECTION 7: Voluntary Information. Not required. Your answers will not affect state to get additional federal money to pay for health care programs.	t your eligibility but they will help the
50 Is there more than one car in the children's household?	☐ Yes ☐ No
51 Is there more than \$3,150 cash in bank accounts in the children's household?	☐ Yes ☐ No

#### **Section 7 QUESTIONS**

- 50 More Than One Car
  - Indicate "yes" or "no" whether there is more than one car in the children's or pregnant woman's household.
- More than \$3,150 Cash in Bank Accounts
  - Indicate "yes" or "no" whether there is more than \$3,150 cash in bank accounts in the children's or pregnant woman's household.



# **SECTION 8: Signature and Certification**

SECTION 8: Signature and Certification.	
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the answers I have given in the declarations made, and the documents submitted are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and believe	ef. I declare that I have
Signature	_ Date
Witness Signature	Date
Authorized Representative (# any)	Date

#### **Section 8 QUESTIONS**

# 52 Signatures

- Applicants are required to sign and date the application on the signature line.

CAAs must explain to applicants that by signing "under penalty of perjury" they can be prosecuted for information that they knowingly misrepresented on the application.

The signature of a witness is necessary if the applicant signs with a mark, such as an "X."

An Authorized Representative is someone who can sign on behalf of the applicant. No proof is required to be submitted with the application to show that the person is the Authorized Representative. The county Department of Social Services and Healthy Families will contact the applicant if additional information is required.

# **SECTION 9: Reimbursement for Application Assistant Use Only**

Reimbursement for CAA assistance ended on June 30, 2003.

Even though EEs no longer receive assistance fees, the State continues to collect information about who is assisting applicants.

SECTION 9: Reimbursement for Applic	cation Assistance. For Certif	fied Application Assistant u	se only.
I certify I had help completing this form from will not issue a reimbursement to the EE ur			
Applicant Signature			Date
CAA Signature	CAA#	EE#	Date
MC 321 HFP (rev. 4/00) APPLICATION	A3	FOR HELP, CALL TOL	L-FREE, 1-800-880-5305

#### **Section 9 QUESTIONS**



#### **Applicant and CAA Signatures**

- Applicants sign and date the applications to verify they were assisted by a Certified Application Assistant.
- The CAA also signs and dates the application and enters his/her CAA# and EE#.

**NOTE:** The nine-digit CAA number and five digit EE number are needed to track applications where the applicants were assisted by the CAAs and their EEs. See Chapter 3: Healthy Families and Medi-Cal Mail-In Application.



Page A4 of the application pertains to the Healthy Families Program only. Information about the available health, dental and vision plans and providers is listed in the Healthy Families Handbook and on the Healthy Families website, <a href="https://www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov">www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov</a>.

If applicants do not select health, dental and vision plans for their children who are eligible for Healthy Families, they will be contacted to select plans. This will delay the start date of the children's coverage.

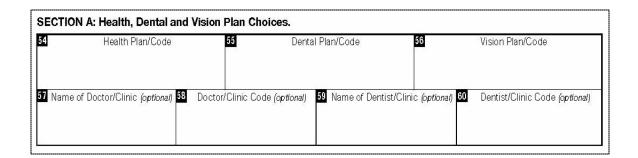
Families are not required to select the providers (doctor, dentist or clinic) for the children who are eligible for Healthy Families when they submit the application. If they do not select providers, however, the plans will assign their providers. See Chapter 7: Healthy Families for more information.

# **SECTION A: Health, Dental and Vision Plan Choices**

4	Health Plan/Code	55	Dental Plan/Code	56	Vision Plan/Code
Name	of Doctor/Clinic (optional) 58 D	octor/Clinic Co	de (optional) 59 Name of I	Dentist/Clinic (optional) 60	Dentist/Clinic Code (optional)

#### QUESTIONS 54-56: Health, Dental, and Vision Plan Selection

- **Health Plan/Code** 
  - List the health plan name AND its code number for the plan families have selected.
- 55 Dental Plan/Code
  - List the dental plan name AND its code number for the plan families have selected.
- 56 Vision Plan/Code
  - List the vision plan name AND its code number for the plan families have selected.



#### **QUESTIONS 57-60: Provider Selection**

If applicants have chosen a doctor or clinic for their children, list the provider information here.

- List the name of the doctor or clinic the applicants have chosen for their children.
- List the code for the doctor or clinic applicants have chosen for their children.
- List the name of the dentist or clinic applicants have chosen for their children.
- 60 List the code for the dentist or clinic applicants have chosen for their children.



# SECTION B: Special Population Plan (Formerly the Rural Demonstration **Project**)

This is an optional plan available to American Indians, Alaskan Natives and families working in seasonal or migratory jobs in agriculture, forestry or fishing. Families who qualify for the Special Population Plan are not required to select it. They may select any of the plans available in their county. The advantage of the Special Population Plan is that it is available statewide, and families will not need to change their children's plans when they move from county to county.

The plan information is listed in Healthy Families Handbook, including the plan combination code and premium information.

**NOTE:** Families should make sure that they notify Healthy Families whenever their addresses change to ensure that they receive all premium bills and program notices.

combination and put the code in the box below. See the Healthy Families Handbook for the combination cod	le number.
Check all boxes that apply to you.	Plan Combination Cod
Check all boxes that apply to you.	

#### **Section B QUESTIONS**

# 61 Special Population Plan

- If applicants choose the Special Population Plan, indicate if the applicants are any of the following:
  - American Indian or Alaskan Native
  - Working in a seasonal or migratory job in agriculture
  - Working in a seasonal or migratory job in forestry
  - Working in a seasonal or migratory job in fishing
- Plan Combination Code Box: Enter the Plan Combination Code for the Special Population Plan. This information is listed on page 83 of the Healthy Families Handbook.

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# **SECTION C: Healthy Families Declarations**

#### SECTION C: Healthy Families Declarations

#### I declare that each person I am applying for:

- · is a resident of California.
- is not in jail or in a mental hospital.
- is not eligible for Medicare Part A and Part B.
- is not a member of a family that is eligible for health benefits from the California Public Employees Retirement System Health Benefits Program(s).

#### I further declare that

- all individuals listed on this application will abide by the rules of participation, the utilization review process and the dispute resolution process of the participating plans in which the individual is enrolled.
- I have read and understand the Healthy Families Handbook.
   I understand what it says about each health, dental and vision plan and the benefits they offer.

- I am applying for all of my children eligible for Healthy Families, unless they are already enrolled, or I am 18 years old or a minor and applying for myself.
- I agree to pay 6 monthly premiums. If I do not pay the premiums, I will be taken off the program and cannot participate again for 6 months.
   I will have to pay for any **Healthy Families** services I use in the last month after coverage ended.
- I give permission to Healthy Families to check my family income, health coverage, immigration status of the people I am applying for, and all other facts on this application.
- I agree to notify the program within 30 days of any change of address of any person applied for who is accepted into the program and any change in the applicant's billing address.

The Certified Application Assistant should review with applicants the Healthy Families Declarations listed in this section.

Applicants are required to make the following declarations listed below.

Applicants declare that each person they are applying for:

- Is a resident of California.
  - Children must be California residents to be eligible for Healthy Families.
- Is not in jail or a mental hospital.
- Is not eligible for Medicare, Part A and Part B.

Children eligible for Medicare Part A and Part B are not eligible for Healthy Families.

• Is not a member of a family that is eligible for health benefits from the California Public Employees Retirement System Health Benefits Program(s) (CALPERS).

Children eligible for health benefits for CALPERS are not eligible for Healthy Families unless CALPERS pays less than \$10 a month towards the children's benefits.

Examples of employees who may be eligible for CALPERS are federal, state or county employees, as well as school district employees.



# **SECTION C: Healthy Families Declarations Continued**

Applicants further declare that:

- All individuals listed on this application will abide by the rules of participation, the utilization review process and dispute resolution process of the participating plans in which the individual is enrolled.
- I have read and understand the Healthy Families Handbook. I understand what it says about each health, dental and vision plan and the benefits they offer.

The handbook contains important information about eligibility, premiums and other program details.

- I am applying for all of my children eligible for Healthy Families, unless they are already enrolled, or I am 18 years old or a minor and applying for myself.
- I agree to pay 6 monthly premiums.

There is no longer a six month waiting period for those children disenrolled for non-payment of premiums.

- I give permission to Healthy Families to check my family income, health coverage, immigration status of the people I am applying for, and all other facts on this application.
- I agree to notify the program within 30 days of any changes of address of any person applied for who is accepted into the program and any change in the applicant's billing address.

Healthy Families must have the applicant's up-to-date address to mail the monthly bill for the premium, as well as other important program information including the Annual Eligibility Review forms.

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#### **SECTION D: Privacy Notice**

The information in this section explains how the information the applicant provides in the application will be used by the Healthy Families Program.

CAAs must review this section with the applicant.

#### SECTION D: Privacy Notice.

The Information Practices Act of 1977 and the Federal Privacy Act require the **Healthy Families** Program to provide the following notice to individuals who are asked by **Healthy Families** to supply information:

Personal and medical information requested is for subscriber identification and program administration purposes only. Program regulations under Title 10, CCR, Section 2699.6600 require that every individual furnish certain information when applying to the **Healthy Families** Program. Subscriber's information may be shared with State and local agencies involved in the administration of health programs. Information (including immigration status) about persons who do not become subscribers, will be used only for purposes of eligibility determination and program administration. Failure to furnish this information may result in the return of the application as incomplete.

The following information on the application is not mandatory: social security number, ethnicity information (unless the subscriber is a Native American Indian) and any other item marked voluntary or optional. An individual has a right to access records containing his/her personal information that are maintained by the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board. The official responsible for maintaining the information is the Deputy Director of Eligibility and Enrollment, Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board, 1000 G Street, Room 450, Sacramento, California 95814, (916) 324-4695.

#### **SECTION E: Resolving Disputes**

Many plans families can choose for their children's Healthy Families coverage require that all disagreements (coverage disputes, denials of service and medical malpractice claims) be sent to Binding Arbitration. Others plans allow patients to file a court action for medical malpractice, but require other types of disagreements to be arbitrated. Arbitration is an out-of-court process for settling disagreements.

The Healthy Families Handbook lists which plans require Binding Arbitration in the "Answers to Commonly Asked Questions" section.

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#### SECTION E: Resolving Disputes.

If you enroll in certain plans you agree to have certain claims (which may include medical malpractice claims) decided by neutral binding arbitration. Members give up their right to a jury or court trial. The **Healthy Families Handbook** has information about each plan and the arbitration requirements. You may call the plans you choose to find out more.

# **SECTION F: SIGNATURE**

#### SECTION E: Resolving Disputes.

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#### **Section F QUESTIONS**

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#### **Signatures**

- Applicants are required to sign and date their applications on the signature line.
- CAAs must explain to applicants that they are certifying that the information is true and correct and that they can be prosecuted for information that they knowingly misrepresented on their applications.
- The signature of a witness is necessary if the applicants sign with a mark, such as an "X."